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LEAGUE WEEK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WALTER V. BREM, M.D.

The week beginning August 2nd will be devoted to perfecting the organization of The League for the Conservation of Public Health. The Central Committee has selected Captains and Lieutenants for the organization. To each Captain has been assigned about ten Lieutenants, and to each Lieutenant about ten physicians and surgeons. It will be the duty of each Lieutenant to secure the membership and the contributions of the doctors assigned to him, and thereafter to keep closely in touch with each member of his group so as to inform him of the policies of the League, what it has done, what work is to be done, and, more specifically, just how that member can help. The Lieutenants will report frequently to the Captains, who in turn will report to the Central Committee.

This organization is not to be temporary, but it is to be a permanent, efficient, semi-military organization for purposes of defense, offence and constructive work. The immediate and urgent problems before the League are those concerned with the coming election, viz., the

anti-vivisection bill, the constitutional amendment of the "Public School Protective League," the Chiropractic bill, and the Osteopathic bill. In this campaign it will be necessary to print and distribute an enormous quantity of literature, and to use all other methods possible of informing the public. It cannot be done without sufficient funds.

Let each old member and each new member of the League tax himself to the utmost in this year's contribution. It is a crucial moment. Failure means the retardation of medical progress in California for perhaps a generation. Success means that the forces of darkness, reaction and greed, which have massed against scientific medicine, will be so curbed and chained that they will cease to be, hereafter, a serious menace in the life of the community, and scientific medicine can continue its normal evolution without the hindrance and distractions it has been subjected to in the past.

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HAVE YOU JOINED THE
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IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The enemies of Scientific Medicine are
busy night and day. How much are you
doing to counteract their propaganda?
Should they succeed, will you feel that
you did your utmost to prevent it?

Have you informed all your patients and friends regarding the
vicious legislation proposed by the "Antis"?

*Read the letter from the Executive Committee of the League on page 8
and the list of approved candidates on page 6*

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**LEAGUE FOR
THE CONSERVATION
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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Dear Doctor:

Owing to the activities of numerous cults directed toward anti-medical legislation throughout California, the League for the Conservation of Public Health has decided upon an active campaign amongst the profession and the laity to defeat this propaganda. The immediate work before the League is to perfect the organization of the profession in Los Angeles County. Such organization has already been accomplished in several counties in the northern part of the State. This week has been decided upon for the intensive work of organization here.

It is of the greatest importance that this organization be accomplished immediately for the reason that there have been four anti-medical bills placed upon the ballot for the November election.

1. The antivivisection bill. This would prohibit the use of animals for diagnostic purposes, such as the Wasserman test; for the manufacture and standardization of vaccines and serums, such as anti-smallpox and anti-rabic vaccines and anti-diphtheritic, anti-meningitis and anti-tetanus serums; for the standardization of drugs, such as digitalis; and for the purpose of further experimental research in diseases such as tuberculosis, cancer, infantile paralysis, pneumonia and influenza.

2. The Constitutional Amendment proposed by the organization camouflaged under the altruistic name of The Public School Protective League. This bill is commonly known as the anti-vaccination bill, but in reality this is a sweeping amendment which would prohibit inspection and examination of school children and public servants; unvaccinated children could not be kept out of school during a small-pox epidemic, children could not be inspected for lice or for skin eruption, children could not be examined

for correctible defects which later on might incapacitate them, tuberculous children could mingle with the healthy and tuberculous teachers and other public servants could disseminate tubercle bacilli without interference, in short, practically all health work in the schools and public offices would be prohibited.

3. The Chiropractic bill. This bill is to authorize a separate State Examining Board composed of Chiropractors for the purpose of licensing Chiropractors. The success of the bill would mean the flooding of the state with ill-educated men incompetent in the handling of disease. Their practice consists in the application of a subsection in therapeutics. There is no rhyme or reason in splitting off a limited method of treatment from regular medicine and using it as a basis for a separate "school." The chiropractor who takes care of a patient should have as good a medical education as any physician, and as broad a view of the medical sciences. This is not a fact. Practically no preliminary education is required by their schools, and their incompetence in the diagnosis of communicable diseases would be a menace to the public health. The measure, if successful, would be the beginning of State Examining Boards for each group of foolish theorists, it would undermine the medical practice act, and throw the practice of medicine into a state of chaos, and it would open wide the gates that bar the public from the attacks of organized quackery.

4. The Osteopathic Referendum bill. This bill would permit the Osteopaths to use drugs and the hypodermic needle, a privilege denied them by the last legislature. It would permit a drugless cult to practice medicine without an adequate examination. The objections advanced against the Chiropractors apply with equal force to the Osteopaths.

Copies of the above four measures will appear in the Bulletin of the County Medical Society two weeks hence.

Your public duty and the honor of your profession demand that you give the above facts serious consideration, and we urge you to assist to the limit of your ability in defeating these measures and in furthering the objects of the League for the Conservation of Public Health.

Executive Committee of the League
for the Conservation of Public Health.

Granville MacGowan
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"THE QUACK QUARTET"

TO APPEAR ON YOUR BALLOT NOV. 2nd

Vote NO on Nos. 5, 6 and 7, and YES on No. 8

AMENDMENT No. 5: CHIROPRACTIC INITIATIVE.—*Destructive to educational standards;* Proposes to create a separate Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Under the present Medical Practice Act applicants showing but one-half the education required of a physician and surgeon, are permitted to qualify for a drugless certificate to practice Chiropractic as well as 26 other drugless methods. *We cannot provide a separate Board for every cult and sect!*

ANTI-VACCINATION INITIATIVE No. 6 (adding Sec. 15 to Article IX of Constitution). Sec. 15—"No form of vaccination, inoculation or other medication shall hereafter be made a condition for admission or attendance in any public school, college, university or other educational institution in this State or for employment of any person in any public office. The provisions of this section shall not be controlled or limited by any other provision of the Constitution." Smallpox is a constant menace held in check by protective vaccination. As a *public safeguard* it is a necessity and not a question of individual choice. Vaccination against typhoid and smallpox eliminated these scourges in the recent great war.

YES	
NO	X
YES	
NO	X

AMENDMENT No. 7.

ANTI-VIVISECTION INITIATIVE—says in part: "...Whereas....believing experimental physiological or experimental pathological investigations are valueless...." *would effectively check medical scientific advancement in California!* If the well-meaning proponents of this measure are so tender-hearted why do they butcher animals for food? How about cancer and tuberculosis, shall we let these rest? How about the Wassermann and other diagnostic tests?

AMENDMENT No. 8

CHAPTER 612, STATUTES 1919.—Pharmacy Act delayed by Referendum instituted by Osteopaths who object to Section 8-E, which defines a physician as one "licensed to practice and prescribe medicines in this State." A recent Supreme Court decision determined the licensed Osteopath is not entitled to use or prescribe drugs nor to perform major surgery.

YES	
NO	X
YES	
NO	

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Special Meetings will be Announced in
THE BULLETIN

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO DEFEAT THE PROPOSED ANTI-HEALTH LEGISLATION?

It is a matter for regret that the members of the medical profession should be expected to assume any of the responsibility of enlightening the public as to the true significance of the four measures touching the operation and enforcement of the Medical Practice Act which are coming before the voters in November.

All medical practice laws are made primarily to protect the people, not the doctors, as the organizations seeking to break down the law would have you believe, and it is only when the activities of these organizations reach a point which makes their efforts seem a positive menace to the public health of the State that medical men can be interested sufficiently

to leave their scientific endeavors long enough to lift a voice in protest.

Following are copies of handbills prepared by the County Medical Committee on Public Health and Legislation.

Copies of all or any one of these may be obtained at the office of the Association, 605 Marsh-Strong Bldg., and it is the suggestion of the committee that members enclose them in statements and other communications mailed to patients and friends between now and election time.

Those of you who do not feel sufficiently well informed to answer the questions which will be propounded to you as a result of the circulation of these handbills should read the article by Dr. Walter Alvarez on page 290 of the August "State Journal." The August number of "Better Health" also has many pages devoted to the presentation of the real facts involved.

WHAT IS THIS CHIROPRACTIC BILL? (Amendment No. 5, Chiropractic Initiative)

This bill is to authorize a separate State Examining Board for Chiropractors, in order to permit those of little or no preliminary or professional training, to treat the sick.

The medical profession does not object to the use of chiropractic or any other method of healing, provided it is administered by a practitioner who is qualified, by education and training, to properly administer it.

At present the State Medical Practice Act permits the licensing of Chiropractors. Their examination consists of elementary questions in anatomy, physiology and other essential subjects. It does not include any questions in medicine and surgery.

In reality this is an effort on the part of those who, as a result of lack of preliminary education, and incompetence in the diagnosis of communicable diseases, are unqualified to be entrusted with the care of sick human beings, and for this reason seek a new board with no requirements. Passage of this bill would throw open wide the gates that bar the public from the attacks of organized quackery. Vote NO on this Amendment.

WHAT IS THIS ANTIVIVISECTION BILL? (Amendment No. 6, Initiative)

This is a bill which would prohibit your physician from using animals for diagnostic purposes. In many obscure diseases a diagnosis cannot be positively made unless the inoculation of animals is done.

It would also prevent the standardization of vaccines and serums, such as anti-smallpox, anti-diphtheria, and anti-tetanic (lockjaw), and many others. The experiences during the past twenty-five years, and particularly during the great war, have shown conclusively that no bad effects result from the use of these drugs, and that hundreds of thousands of human lives have been saved by their use.

Do you consider the lives of your mother, wife or children to be less valuable than that of a dog?

For the past quarter of a century **none** of the horribly cruel methods of vivisection shown by the antivivisection element have been known in any civilized country. Vote NO on this Amendment.

WHAT IS THIS ANTI-VACCINATION BILL? (Amendment No. 7, Initiative)

This is in reality a sweeping amendment which would prohibit inspection and examination of school children and public servants. It would also prevent the exclusion from school of unvaccinated children, during a small-pox epidemic.

Children could not be inspected for lice and skin eruptions, nor for defects which if discovered could be corrected by appropriate treatment, and children infected with tuberculosis and many other transmissible diseases could mingle at will with healthy children.

At present no vaccination, or physical examination is required in the case of children whose parents are opposed to it, except in the presence of an epidemic, or in the case of frankly apparent transmissible diseases. In order to safeguard the lives and health of the school children, vote NO on this Amendment.

WHAT IS THE OSTEOPATHIC AMENDMENT? (REFERENDUM NO. 8)

This is a referendum invoked by the osteopaths and others upon the "Sale of Poison Law" which was passed by the last legislature. This law was intended as a check upon the promiscuous and haphazard administering of narcotic drugs which has existed in California for years and which is felt to be largely responsible for the thousands of drug addicts who are now a menace and a charge upon the public.

No adequate reason can be given for this effort to lower the bars and allow greater liberty in the use of the hypodermic needle to drugless practitioners who in one breath deny the efficacy of drugs and in the next loudly demand the right to administer them without any demonstration of their fitness to assume this grave responsibility. The State examination is open to any who desire to qualify for this privilege.

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November 2nd

Vote No on Nos. 5, 6 and 7, and Yes on No. 8

No. 5 Chiropractic Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO X	No. 7 Anti-Vivisection Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO X
No. 6 Anti-Vaccination Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO X	No. 8 Poison Act Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> YES X <input type="checkbox"/> NO

must be practiced on the platform, in the press, by personal touch and argument, here a little and there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept, in season and out of season.

There is danger that the medical profession may:—

(a) Underrate the power of the enemy.

(b) Rest secure in the idea that people are intelligent and will vote the right way any how.

(c) Forget that it takes aggressive work and forceful argument to change votes and win the day.

The Power of the Enemy: The forces arrayed against us are the combined hosts of quackery (and their name is Legion). Their real object is to prey upon the sick, rather than to pray for the sick. They study the "Law for the profits" rather than "the Law and the Prophets."

False Security: No stone must be left unturned to educate people as to the real issues at stake. Quacks work on the theory of a notorious British Jurist that the "masses are asses." They unblushingly wholesale, job, retail and peddle their false claims and insinuations. Many are temporarily deceived. These must be enlightened.

Power to change votes: During the darkest days of the great war, Lloyd George, upon being asked by Dr. E. J.

Dillon to give his impressions re the outcome of the struggle, wrote: "We shall win if we put forth every ounce of energy, not otherwise." Precisely this is true today. Votes are not changed without earnest effort. The vote that you all failed to get might have changed the issue.

It is not so much the things that come to us in life that matter as it is the spirit in which we meet them. If the doctors of California are sordid, working only for money, good sense and good politics would be to let all these quack amendments pass. Pestilence and disease would be abroad in the land, and competent physicians would be over-run with work. The Quack Quartet is working for filthy lucre. The love of money is the root of their effort. For this they are prostituting a learned profession. On the other hand, the forces of scientific medicine are working against their own pecuniary interests for the welfare of the people. In the human breast there flames an eternal desire to know what the ultimate end of things is going to be. This is why "the future state"—heaven and hell—is a topic in which all men are interested. The greatest argument that can be made vs. the Quack Quartet is not to defend what scientific medicine is doing, but to make plain to all the people what the results will be should the Quartet win at the ballot box November 2.

THE ATTACKS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

IRVING BANCROFT, M. D.

For many years the chief avenues of spreading health information in this country have been closed to non-advertising medical men, and it is the cumulative effect of years of such silence which makes possible the bringing up of such measures as initiatives Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 for consideration at this time. If any of them pass, our whole state will be branded as unsafe for either residents or tourists, as reactionary and unprogressive in the very important matter of protecting public health, and it will be because of the lack of understanding on the part of the public, of the true significance of the measures for which they are voting.

Vote "NO" on No. 5

At the present time, there are over 1,000 persons in the state practising Chiropractic without a license. They are openly violating the law and have a fund to defend their members from prosecution. As their chief says "California is busted wide open." Whenever they are arrested, they demand a jury trial and use newspaper publicity to obtain sympathy and advertising. They call law enforcement "Persecution."

They recognize the psychological fact that Americans are prone to feel kindly disposed toward the "under dog" and are trading upon that knowledge to represent

the medical profession as a monster preying upon the poor abused Chiropractor. There is absolutely no need for this initiative and it is manifestly a lowering of the standards both as to time and knowledge. Chiropractors are classified as drugless practitioners and, as such, can pass the State Board of Medical Examiners. This board is composed of men chosen by the Governor from all schools of medicine. Any charge of unfairness may be appealed from and decided by the courts. The subjects required are only those in which a practitioner must be versed in order to be qualified to administer the particular form of healing which the Chiropractic schools teach. The 2,000 hours required is only one-half the time required of a physician. Sixty chiropractors have already been registered and others could do so.

If this initiative passes, it will be consistent for any of the other 26 cults to demand that they too have a board of examiners and the standards of public health protection will be definitely lowered by the lack of centralization of authority to license practitioners. Do we want a Board composed of a Cult which brags that "Bacteriology is the greatest of all gigantic farces ever invented for ignorance and incompetency," to be the judge as to who shall practice the art of healing in California?

Vote "NO" on No. 6

The present vaccination law is designed to give to persons who do not believe in vaccination an opportunity to chose whether their children shall be vaccinated or not. The only requirement for these unvaccinated children is that when small pox exists in a community, an area be marked out whose boundaries are of sufficient size to include the children who have a chance of being exposed to the disease, and in this area, the unvaccinated children be excluded from school while the vaccinated children are allowed to attend. This area is frequently a few blocks in extent although sometimes a whole school district is included.

This law, although not perfect, is the best compromise which was available to attain the two opposing objects, namely; to have the general population vaccinated and at the same time to give personal freedom to those who did not believe in vaccination.

If the proposed constitutional amendment No. 6 is passed, California will have an unvaccinated generation growing up, because the average person does not think about the danger of small pox until there is an epidemic and then there is often not time. The result of this vast unvaccinated population will be disaster just as has always been the case in the past. In the early days of this county, one-tenth of the deaths were from small pox. There was a saying "From love and small pox, no one is exempt." Every unvaccinated country has been devastated by epidemics of this disease. The mortality within the last few years has been small but in 1872, the mortality was 40%. Epidemics of small pox are like rain storms. Sometimes it rains hard and sometimes it merely sprinkles. It has been a sprinkle recently but the hard storm will come unless the saying that "History repeats itself" is no longer true.

Arguments against the efficacy of vaccination are as absurd as they are untrue. Every person who is conversant with statistics has absolute confidence in it as a sure preventive of small pox. The chief proponent of Amendment No. 6 says that it is debatable by authorities. For many years there has been a man in Boston preaching that the world was flat instead of round. Even that fact is debatable.

All authorities agree that vaccination is harmless. Ample figures are available. In the past 4 years 8,912 vaccinations have been made by the Los Angeles City Health Office with not one bad result. The government inspection insures that serums used are free from contamination. No one is ever compelled to be vaccinated in this State and the word "Compulsion" in connection with this proposed law is a misnomer.

There is a "Joker" also in this No. 6; Judge Bordwell asserts that if this passes, that it will definitely cripple health officers in eradicating communicable diseases from the schools. No examinations for suspected diseases can be made and the result will be pleasing to those who agree with the lady who interrupted me at a meeting and said, "Do you know that 93% of the people of California do not believe in germs?" God help California if that is so!

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REFLECTIONS ON THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

The result of the November election indicates one of two things, either that the majority of the voters of California were unwilling to accept the advice of the medical profession on matters of public policy pertaining to health questions, or that the medical profession failed in its efforts to inform adequately the electorate.

The latter alternative appears to be ruled out by the result of the vote on the anti-vivisection initiative, which was overwhelmingly defeated. Perhaps this fact may justify the view that the voters are willing to follow the profession along certain lines, but not along others.

It would seem that the majority of the electorate did not believe that the medical profession was financially disinterested in its opposition to the chiropractic (No. 16) and osteopathic (No. 20) initiatives, and that they did believe that the medical profession was attempting to suppress the rivalry of other groups in the field of practice, and that these groups had been unfairly treated.

Many members of the medical profession assumed the attitude, "Let the public have what it wants", and they refused to co-operate or co-operated half-heartedly in the campaign against the initiatives. Those who did co-operate fully felt that it was the duty of the medical profession, being most fully conversant with the facts, to place these facts fully before the voters so that the public could decide more or less intelligently just what it did want.

We believe that the public this time decided unwisely in its vote on the two initiatives under discussion, and that time will reveal many distressing results which the nature of the new laws, initiative measures, will make it difficult or impossible to remedy.

As for the medical profession itself, it has had a great burden lifted from its shoulders, and one feels inclined to "heave a sigh of relief." Conditions heretofore have thrown upon the medical profession the responsibility of supporting and defending those appointed by the State to guard the portals of the field of medical practice against imposters, quacks and the inferiorly educated. It has been indeed a thankless task, and since the days when

the patent medicine trust and the adulterators fought "the pure food drugs act" and coined the term "medical trust", doctor's monopoly" etc., medical profession has had abuse obloquy heaped upon it by those desired for special reasons to emasculate health laws or to obstruct progressive legislation.

That is over now, and the medical profession can pursue with equanimity "even tenor of its way", concerning itself with its great program of medical education, hospital betterment, and improvement of medical service to the sick.

It is imperative for the profession to maintain, and to continue even more ardently its efforts to improve, the high standards of education and training which have been self-imposed upon it during the years of its progress as a public institution. We must continue to "pay the price", and even a higher price, for the great privilege of fighting against disease and caring for the sick, and we must do whatever we can do by efficient service to counteract the damage that we fear will be done to California in the days ahead.

We, ourselves, are far from perfect. We are "no better than we ought to be". Some of us are inefficient, some are afflicted with inertia so that we fail to keep up with the march of progress, and alas! we have our human quota of those actuated by greed. Let us not be overzealous in defending ourselves. Let us rather "take stock" of ourselves, and redouble our efforts to keep faith with those who believe in us and look to us for help in their troubles. Let us strive always to improve the service that we render, and to temper efficiency with the sympathy and understanding which have always characterized the true physician.

Many civic, professional and commercial organizations and many prominent citizens as individuals co-operated with us during the campaign. Among the latter were President Barrows of the University of California and President Wilbur of Leland Stanford University, and Dr. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology. We wish to acknowledge with appreciation the assistance of

all who aided in opposing one or more of the three initiatives.

The following is a partial list of the organizations which worked with us in Los Angeles, in the order approximately of the times when they threw their influence into the campaign.

Hospitals of California

Los Angeles Safety Council

Los Angeles Saturday Night

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Southern California Veterinary Medical Association

Southern California Dental Association

Retail Druggists Association

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles Examiner vs. 16 and 20

Los Angeles Evening Express vs. 16.

(Signed) —E. C.